1	2	3	4
July	362·3	378·3	400·6
August	363.1	381.6	409.6
September	357·6	381.5	408·9
October	360.0	384.8	..
November	357·9	380.6	..
December	356.4	377·9	..
January	357·5	377.7	..
February.	358·9	376.6	..
March	359·8	378.1	..

Sourcee : Office of Economic Adviser, Ministry of Industry.

Loss of Stocks of Cotton Corporation of India by Fire at Guntur

3396. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge stocks held by Cotton Corporation of India in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh were damaged by mysterious fire accidents; if so, what is the actual value of cotton involved in such fire accidents for the last five years and how much loss is claimed from insurance companies; and

(b) whether an investigation is going on in this regard and what steps are taken to prevent such hazards and malpractices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) There were no mysterious fire accidents to the cotton stocks of Cotton Corporation of India in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh. According to the investigation made by police authorities and also by the officers of CCI, the fires were accidental in which cotton stocks of CCI valued at around Rs. 4 crores were destroyed during the last five years. The stocks destroyed were insured and the entire value thereof was reimbursed by the insurance companies. The Corporation has taken necessary preventive steps and precautions such as provision of fire fighting facilities, underground electric wiring etc. to minimise the possibility of such accidents in future.

Meetings of Consultative Committee for Punjab and Tamil Nadu

3397. SHRI ALADI ARUNA alias V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many times the Consultative Committees constituted for Punjab and Tamil Nadu have held their meetings; and

(b) what were the subjects discursed in those meetings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) No meeting of the Consultative Committees constituted for Punjab and Tamil Nadu has been held so far.

Conversion of RIL Plant as Refinery

3398. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Reliance Industries Limited has been accorded a refinery status for their PTA Plant at Patalganga in Maharashtra and if so, what are the rea-